



Russia Studies Program

Overview

Russia poses unique challenges to the US homeland, American interests abroad, our allies, and the transition to a new era of peace and prosperity. From the United States to Europe, Central Asia, and the Indo-Pacific, CNA's Russia Studies Program provides deep analysis, critical insights, and actionable recommendations to military and civilian leaders on Russian military capabilities, the Russian way of war, Russian foreign policy, and complex strategic issues. Program staff include analysts with native fluency in Russian, social science and historical training, and extensive knowledge of military operations and strategy. CNA's experience in open-source, Russian-language research goes back to famous studies on Soviet naval doctrine in the 1960s—a legacy that continues today. The Russia Studies Program flexibly supports US leaders with classified and unclassified studies, workshops, and wargames.

Core Capabilities



Russian Military Thought, Strategy, and Doctrine



The Russian Way of War and Military Art



Russian Naval and Maritime Affairs



Russia-Ukraine War



Russian and Eurasian Foreign Policy

Our People

CNA's Russia program is **one of the largest teams of cleared, language-capable analysts** working on Russian military affairs among US research organizations. Team expertise includes:

- In-country experience in Russia, Ukraine and other Eurasian states
- Native and fluent Russian language proficiency
- Active DOW security clearances
- Advanced degrees in international affairs, political science, regional studies, and history
- Operational experience



What We Do



Deep research in
Russian-language
sources



Strategy-, doctrine-,
and theory-informed
longform analytic
products



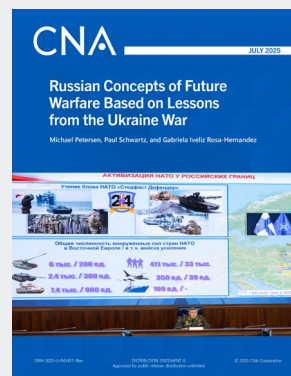
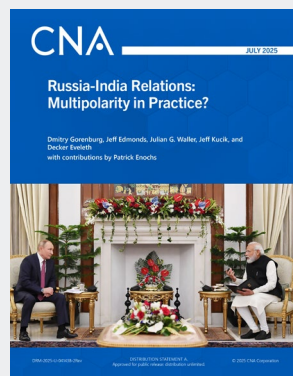
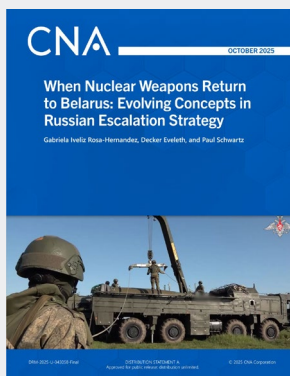
Ad hoc support,
senior leader
advising, and
quick-turn analysis



Interconnections with
the Russia military
analysis field across
NATO partner-nations

Recently Completed Analyses (2023–2025)

- Comparative Analysis of NATO and Russian Naval Force Design
- Russia's Evolving Threat Perceptions
- Russian-Belarusian Nuclear Sharing
- [Russian Concepts of Future Warfare](#)
- [Russia-India Relations](#)
- Black Sea Maritime Operations
- [Russia-Iran Relations](#)
- [Wartime Russian Civil-Military Relations](#)
- [The Russian General Staff](#)
- [Nuclear Threats and Employment](#)
- [Russian Wartime Medical Care](#)
- [The Russian Wartime Economy](#)
- [Russian Military Mobilization](#)
- Russian Arms Control Institutions
- [Russian Space Operations in Ukraine](#)



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